

and fifth wheel receptacles for receiving wheel mounting brackets for respective support wheels for supporting said line trimming apparatus in an edger configuration.

40. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 39 wherein:

at least one of said dolly and selected ones of said wheel mounting brackets include cooperating locks for releasable retaining said selected wheel mounting brackets in selected ones of said wheel receptacles.

41. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 39 wherein:

8) said first and second wheel receptacles form a first pair of said wheel receptacles which project in opposite directions from each other, and said fourth and fifth wheel receptacles form a second pair of said wheel receptacles extending substantially parallel to each other and in a direction generally normal to said first pair of wheel receptacles.

42. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 41 wherein:

said first pair of wheel receptacles and said third wheel receptacle are operable to receive wheel mounting brackets for supporting said line trimming apparatus by three support wheels in a tricycle configuration for operation of said line trimming apparatus as a mower.

43. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 39 wherein:

said coupling portion includes an opening in said dolly frame including a plurality of circumferentially spaced tabs cooperating with corresponding tabs on said line trimming apparatus for receiving said line trimming apparatus in a twist and lock coupling between said line trimming apparatus and said dolly.

44. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 43 wherein:

at least one of said tabs on said dolly comprises a resiliently deflectable lock tab for forcibly engaging a cooperating tab on said line trimming apparatus to releasably lock said line trimming apparatus to said dolly.

45. (Currently amended) A dolly system for a line trimming apparatus comprising a dolly frame adapted to support a line trimming apparatus thereon, said dolly frame including a coupling portion for connecting said dolly system to said line trimming apparatus, first and second opposed wheel receptacles for receiving wheel mounting brackets for first and second opposed support wheels, a third wheel receptacle for receiving a wheel mounting bracket for a third support wheel for supporting said line trimming apparatus in one of a mower and trimmer configuration, and fourth and fifth wheel receptacles for receiving wheel mounting brackets for respective support wheels for supporting said line trimming apparatus in an edger configuration wherein

said coupling portion includes an opening in said dolly frame including a plurality of circumferentially spaced tabs cooperating with corresponding tabs on said line trimming apparatus for receiving said line trimming apparatus in a twist and lock coupling between said line trimming apparatus and said dolly;

at least one of said tabs on said dolly comprises a resiliently deflectable lock tab for forcibly engaging a cooperating tab on said line trimming apparatus to releasably lock said line trimming apparatus to said dolly; and

[The dolly set forth in Claim 44 wherein: said line trimming apparatus] said system includes a generally planar guard member including an opening formed therein and lock tabs formed thereon for releasable engagement with corresponding tabs on said line trimming

apparatus to be used when the line trimming apparatus is not in one of the mower, trimmer and edger configuration.

46. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 39 wherein:

selected ones of said wheel receptacles include a configuration for receiving said wheel mounting brackets in plural selected positions of said wheel mounting brackets with respect to said dolly frame to selectively vary the cutting height of said line trimming apparatus.

47. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 39 including:

a brace extending from said dolly frame for engagement with a shaft of said line trimming apparatus for stabilizing said line trimming apparatus with respect to said dolly.

48. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 39 wherein:

at least selected ones of said wheel mounting brackets each include a stub axle and a bracket flange projecting therefrom for supporting a wheel bolt for connecting a wheel to said wheel mounting bracket.

49. (Original) The dolly set forth in Claim 48 wherein:

the axis of said wheel bolt extends generally parallel to and is spaced from said stub axle.

50. (Original) A dolly for a line trimming apparatus comprising a dolly frame adapted to support a line trimming apparatus thereon, said dolly frame including a frame plate provided with a coupling opening for receiving a head portion of a line trimming apparatus in supportive relationship thereto, said dolly frame further including first and second opposed wheel connectors thereon for wheel mounting brackets for first and second opposed support wheels, a third wheel connector for a wheel mounting bracket for a third support wheel for supporting said line trimming apparatus for one of mowing and trimming grass, and fourth and

fifth wheel connectors for wheel mounting brackets for respective support wheels for supporting said line trimming apparatus for operation as an edger.

51. (Original) In combination, a line trimming apparatus having a rotatable cutting element and a coupling flange including a plurality of circumferentially spaced alternating slots and tabs formed thereon, a dolly for supporting said line trimming apparatus for operation as at least one of a mower, edger and trimmer, said dolly including a coupling opening comprising a plurality of circumferentially spaced tabs cooperable with corresponding tabs on said coupling flange and for receiving said line trimming apparatus in a twist and lock coupling between said line trimming apparatus and said dolly and a generally planar guard member including an opening formed therein and characterized by tabs for releasable engagement with corresponding tabs on said coupling flange whereby said line trimming apparatus may be used as a hand carried trimming apparatus with said guard attached thereto and said guard may be disconnected from said coupling flange so that said line trimming apparatus may be connected to said dolly for use as one of said mower, edger and trimmer.

52. (Original) The combination set forth in Claim 51 wherein:

said dolly includes a frame including first and second opposed wheel connectors thereon for receiving wheel mounting brackets for first and second opposed support wheels, and a third wheel connector for a wheel mounting bracket for a third support wheel for supporting said line trimming apparatus in a mower configuration.

53. (Original) The combination set forth in Claim 52 including:

fourth and fifth wheel connectors for wheel mounting brackets for respective support wheels for supporting said line trimming apparatus in an edger configuration.

Please add the following new claims:

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54. (New) The dolly of claim 39 wherein the first and second opposed wheel receptacles and third, fourth and fifth wheel receptacles are each star-shaped wheel receptacles and wherein the wheel mounting brackets are rectangular and adapted to fit within first and second opposed wheel receptacles and third, fourth and fifth wheel receptacles to adjust the height of the dolly.

55. (New) The dolly of claim 54 wherein the dolly may be adjusted to at least three different heights by rotating the wheel mounting brackets in the first and second opposed wheel receptacles and the third, fourth and fifth wheel receptacles.

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